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OF THE

TOWN OF EXETER,

FOR THE

Financial Year ending March 2d, 1861,

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BY THE

SELECTMEN OF EXETER,

For the year ending March 2, 1861.

Receipts.

Taxes assessed for 1860,	\$17,612.78
Balance from last year,	9.00
Borrowed money,	2,618.05
Literary Fund,	223.50
Rail Road dividend,	634.94
United States for Court room,	200.00
Licenses,	50.00
Rent of Town Hall,	240.33
Rent of Old Town House and lot,	155.00
C. H. Bell's Office,	50.00
Wm. Young, for Timber,	50
Tilton & Conner for old Iron,	5.65
Town of North Hampton,	150.00
County, for board of Jere Sullivan at Concord,	185.11
T. E. Fifield, Collector, 1856,	47.63
Ephraim Fellows, Collector, 1859,	16.20
Outstanding taxes,	1245.90

\$23,444.59

Expenditures.

Paid State tax,	835.80
" County tax,	1,743.48
" Bonds and Interest,	1,900.00
" N. Swasey, note and interest,	551.64
" J. W. Odlin, " "	355.40
" Wm. Wadleigh, " "	229.87
" N. Gordon, " "	44.79
" Granite State Bank Notes,	2,768.05
" Interest on Gardner Notes,	120.00
" " Exeter Savings Bank,	64.50
" " Granite State Bank,	56.34
" Overseers of the Poor,	700.00
" School Dis. No. 2, Building Committee,	700.00
" Discount on taxes paid prior to Aug. 1,	308.43
" Teacher's Institute,	47.76

10,426.06

Support of Schools.

Paid Prudential Committee District No. 1,	3,074.20
" " " " No. 2,	689.10
" " " " No. 3,	187.42
" " " " No. 4,	128.06
" " " " No. 5,	158.46
" " " " No. 6,	149.00

4,386.24

Town Library.

Library Committee,	164.46
Sam'l. Hall, printing catalogues, 1857,	35.54
J. W. Odlin 1859,	44.59
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	244.59

Highways and Bridges.

N. G. Gilman,	37.38
Sam'l. Holmes, Guide-boards and posts,	27.03
Josiah Bachelder, " "	1.94
Gilbert Rollins, " "	6.98
Sam'l. Greenleaf, labor,	2.50
Wm. Flood, "	10.87
Z. G. Thing, "	12.18
Joshua Wiggin, "	17.82
John S. Palmer, "	8.13
Benj. Lang, "	3.75
T. K. Mace, hauling timber,	2.00
Overseers of the Poor, cutting and hauling timber,	12.00
S. W. Leavitt, team,	1.50
Joseph Cate, plank,	31.53
S. J. Perkins, "	1.00
Wm. M. Hunnewell, timber, 1859,	15.92
George Smith, surveying,	1.52
J. W. Odlin, removing obstructions on Clifford street,	3.10
J. H. Kimball, labor,	23.50
E. O. Lovering, lumber,	16.68
John Gilman, trucking lumber,	2.00
Jos. D. Wadleigh, labor 1858,	7.77
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	247.10

Widening of Street leading to Lower Bridge.

N. K. Leavitt,	400.00
Geo. S. Yeaton,	200.00
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	600.00

Small Pox Bills 1859.

John Lougee,	36.10
W. G. Lougee,	52.00
Dr. Wm. Perry,	200.00
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	288.10

Breaking Roads and Shovelling Snow.

Daniel Smith,	10.00
Z. G. Thing,	22.50
James Pike, 1859,	10.00
John Clement,	10.00
S. J. Perkins,	17.75
J. W. Robinson,	15.76
Stephen P. Dolloff,	9.00
J. H. Kimball,	15.62

Joshua Wiggin,	8.50
Jewett Conner,	3.38
John Clement,	13.25
Dan'l. S. Mace,	13.75
N. G. Gilman,	3.75
J. H. Tanner,	1.00
Wm. Flood,	4.62
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	158.88

Police and Constables.

I. S. Brown, 1859,	2.00
Geo. S. Shute, "	4.00
J. H. Shapley, "	3.00
Richard Neally, notifying town officers,	14.00
John S. Brown, board of prisoners,	20.00
C. K. Fifield, Police,	4.00
Geo. S. Shute, do	2.00
Edwin Dearborn, do	6.50
Philander Keyes, do	40.00
Stephen C. Gray, do	26.00
E. S. Durgin, do	6.00
John Conner, do	27.00
Geo. G. Lougee, do	4.75
Chas. Page, do	2.25
H. S. P. Rollins, do	6.00
A. J. Fogg, do	21.50
S. W. Leavitt, do	2.00
Geo. O. Dearborn, do	4.75
Wm. P. Moulton, Justice fees,	8.18
John W. Clark, do	12.00
A. Wood, do	37.00
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	252.93

Town Hall.

N. Weeks Jr., brooms, 1859,	1.00
Gardner Sleeper, charcoal,	3.25
Thos. Conner, fluid,	42.84
Wm. P. Leavitt, care of Hall,	43.80
A. J. Fogg, " "	37.00
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	127.89

Fire Department.

Paid Engine Company No. 1,	210.00
" " " No. 2,	180.00
" " " No. 3,	155.00
" " " No. 4,	75.00
" Hook and Ladder Co.	75.00
" Chief Engineer,	20.00
" Assistant Engineers,	30.00
" Clerk of Engineers,	10.00
" Steward Engine No. 2,	15.00
" J. B. Bradley, Hose,	170.24
" Hunneman & Co. Discharge Pipe,	14.13

Paid	Wm. P. Tilton, cleaning and repairing Engine and Hose,	23.00
"	Ellison & Dearborn, repairing,	4.00
"	" " " "	5.50
"	Payson & Ellison, " "	14.50
"	Wm. N. Hobbs, " "	1.00
"	Geo. A. Taylor, " "	2.00
"	John Allen & Co. " "	14.25
"	J. L. Smith, " "	2.00
"	Wm. B. Chapman, " "	4.75
"	Chas. Bachelder, " "	2.00
"	John Allen & Co., " "	17.47
"	" " " " " "	14.50
"	Tilton & Conner, " "	24.68
"	Wm. B. Greenleaf, " "	16.00
"	Porter & Thyng, Fluid, Oil, &c.	5.70
"	C. A. Merrill, alcohol,	40
"	Steward of Hook and Ladder Co.	2.00
"	Anna M. Smith, water for reservoir,	6.00
"	Watchman at fire on Water street, March 29,	9.00
"	Gideon Carter, labor and watching at fire,	3.00
"	Jere. Carter, " " "	2.00
"	E. S. Durgin, " " "	2.50
"	C. W. Dinsmore, " " "	3.00
"	John Flannegan, " " "	1.50
"	E. A. Leavitt, " " "	5.00
"	Wm. Nudd, " " "	63
"	John T. Sinclair, labor and watching at fire on Maple street,	2.00
"	Wm. S. Marston, " " " "	1.00
"	Gilman B. Hoyt, refreshments for Firemen, March 29,	18.00
"	Mrs. E. H. Hervey, " " " "	8.00
"	John P. Leavitt, shovelling snow from reservoirs,	2.00
"	Abraham Towle, " " " "	2.00
"	James Rundlett, " " " "	5.00
"	Wm. Nudd, cleaning and oiling hose,	1.25
"	John Fleming " " "	1.50
"	N. G. Gilman, Badges, Express, &c.	7.72
"	Jos. Stockbridge, labor,	1.00
"	Odlin's Express,	6.19
"	C. L. Dearborn, Watchman,	1.00

1,197.41

Miscellaneous.

E. S. Durgin, Police Badge, returned,	2.13
Auditors, 1860,	6.00
Collection of Taxes, 1859,	268.05
C. Grant, Town Clerk,	79.50
Postage,	1.47
A. P. Blake, damage to house, blowing rocks, 1858,	50.00
Dr. E. Bartlett, reporting births and deaths,	1.15
Dr. D. W. Gorham, " " "	1.25
Dr. Wm. G. Perry, " " "	3.80
Mrs. L. C. Langley, " " "	40
Telegraph,	20

Wm. Conner, expenses and attendance at Concord, before committee of Legislature, on Towns and Parishes,	6.00
S. S. Thyng " " "	6.00
N. Shute, " " "	6.00
Jas. W. Odlin, " " "	6.00
Insurance on Town House,	50.00
" old Town House,	12.00
Stephen Smith, labor,	2.00
Bell rope,	4.33
G. B. Elden, rep'g lightning rods,	2.00
Recording deed,	42
Levi G. Towle, reward for detection of thieves, 1859,	50.00
W. C. Patten, referee,	5.00
Insane Asylum, Concord, board of Jere. Sullivan,	159.61
Fogg & Fellowes, difference in safes,	25.00
Superintending School Committee,	65.00
J. Getchell & Son, Furnace Castings, Tin, &c.	23.63
Thos. J. Whittem, printing town reports, school cards, &c.	91.00
Sam'l Hall, printing and advertising,	7.00
Wm. P. Moulton, surveying,	4.50
N. G. Giddings, horse hire, taking taxes,	3.00
F. Grant, Record and School Books,	9.74
J. W. Moulton, Inventory and School Books,	12.66
J. W. Odlin, School Books and Stationery,	11.32
Kelly & Gardner, hard ware, &c.	3.93
C. E. Warren, lumber and labor,	9.37
Wm. B. Chapman, labor,	50
Geo. W. Fernald, trucking, 1859,	1.50
Head, Jewell & Co. rep. bell tongue,	4.50
Edwin Dearborn, ringing bell,	40.00
Selectmen's services,	225.00
David Quimby, care of Town Clock,	10.00
Levi G. Towle, horse hire, 1859,	4.00
Geo. G. Lougee, Collector, 1860,	175.00
Jacob Carlisle, building fence,	2.00
Thos. E. Fifield, Collector, 1856,	12.78

Recapitulation.

1,464.74

Paid State tax,	835.80
" County tax,	1,743.48
" Town Bonds and interest,	1,900.00
" N. Swasey note and interest,	551.64
" J. W. Odlin " " "	355.40
" Wm. Wadleigh note and interest,	229.87
" N. Gordon " " "	44.79
" Granite State Bank,	2,768.05
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" Exeter Savings Bank,	64.50
" Granite State Bank,	56.34
" Overseers of the Poor,	700.00
" School District No. 2, Building Committee,	700.00
" Discount on Taxes paid prior to Aug. 1,	308.43

Paid Teacher's Institute,	47.76
" Support of Schools,	4,386.24
" Town Library,	244.59
" Highways and Bridges,	247.10
" Widening of street leading to lower Bridge,	600.00
" Small Pox bills 1859,	288.10
" Breaking roads and shovelling snow,	158.88
" Police and Constables,	252.93
" Town Hall,	127.89
" Fire Department,	1,197.41
" Miscellaneous,	1,464.74
" Abatement of taxes for 1860,	211.81
" Outstanding taxes for 1860,	1,782.14
" Abatement of taxes prior to 1860,	1,245.90
" Non-resident highway tax worked out,	17.89
Total amount of expenditures,	\$22,651.18
Total amount of receipts,	23,444.59
Balance in hands of Selectmen,	\$793.41

JOHN CLEMENT,
NATH'L G. GIDDINGS, } *Selectmen*
NATH'L SHUTE, } *of*
 } *Exeter.*

We the Undersigned have this day examined the accounts of the town, exhibited to us by the Selectmen, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-one cents in the hands of the Selectmen.

WM. O. SMITH,
CHAS. CONNER,
JOHN P. P. KELLY, } *Auditors.*

EXETER, March 2, 1861.

Liquor Agency.

By a vote of the town, the Selectmen were instructed to sell the liquors belonging to the town agency, and appropriate the proceeds to the support of the Town Library. The quantity on hand was found to be much less than was estimated, and the quality very inferior.

The nett amount received from sales was	98.87
Paid Theodore Moses, for storage,	5.00
Augustus H. Weeks salary, as Agent,	4.50
Balance for Books to the Town Library,	89.37
	<hr/> \$98.87

Town Debt.

The indebtedness of the Town at the last annual meeting was as follows :	
Town bonds for building Town House,	\$15,000.00
Gardner notes for land,	2,000.00
Granite State Bank,	2,000.00
Exeter Savings Bank,	1,075.00
Notes held by different individuals,	2,410.00
Outstanding bills,	430.00
Due Ephraim Fellowes for collection of taxes, 1859,	268.05
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	\$23,183.05

Indebtedness of the Town March 2d, 1861.

Town Bonds,	14,000.00
Gardner Notes,	2,000.00
Exeter Savings Bank,	1,075.00
Notes to different individuals,	3,095.00
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	\$20,170.00
Decrease,	\$3,013.05

The balance of cash on hand, and outstanding taxes, when collected, will be applied to its further liquidation. We have endeavored to practice a rigid economy in all of the expenditures of the town, and wherein we have failed, has been owing to causes beyond our control.

In compliance with a vote passed at the last annual meeting, the Selectmen have settled all outstanding accounts with Collectors of Taxes.

On the account of E. H. Valentine for 1852, 1853 and 1854, a balance was standing against him for \$164.76. His books being lost, we were unable to agree with his bondsmen, what amount, if any, should be abated, and we referred the whole matter for adjustment to Wm. C. Patten Esq., of Kingston, who after a hearing in the case, decided that the whole should be abated, and the town pay cost of reference.

The books of T. E. Fifield for 1855 and 1856, and of Ephraim Fellowes for 1857, 1858 and 1859, have also been settled and balanced, a very small amount having been realized from any of them. It is very important that a different practice should be adopted in future, and the Collector's books be settled more promptly.

The petition to the Legislature, for restoring the old boundary line between Exeter and South Newmarket, came before the Committee on Towns and Parishes for a final hearing, at the last session.

Believing it a matter of some importance, and that a favorable report would be obtained if proper representations were made, we took several witnesses to Concord, who were able to testify in regard to it, and, as we think, presented a very strong case, which should have restored to us our ancient landmarks. A majority of the Committee, were, however, opposed to our interests, and by their influence we had "leave to withdraw," and the question is probably settled beyond recall.

The disastrous fire on Water street in March last, while it destroyed much valuable property, enabled us to make a long desired improvement, in widening the street leading to the lower bridge, which could not otherwise have been done. This has been accomplished at an expense of six hundred dollars.

The frequency of fires during the year past, has increased the expenses of the Fire Department, but in all cases where the services of our Firemen have been needed, they have proved themselves prompt and efficient, and deserving great praise for their successful efforts in subduing the devouring element.

JOHN CLEMENT,
NATH'L G. GIDDINGS,
NATH'L SHUTE,

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

From March 1st, 1860, to March 1st, 1861.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Overseers of the Poor,
for the Town and County, from March 1st, 1860, to March
1st, 1861.

Cr.

By Cash of the County of Rockingham for board at the Alms House,	455.07
" Keeping foreigners 105 nights, 37 1-2 cts.,	39.37
" Twenty-four cords, five ft. Hemlock wood, 4.00	98.50
" Clothing,	89.65
" N. H. Asylum,	184.91
" Physician,	20.00
" Cash paid by Overseers,	14.59
" House rent, Clothing, Board, &c., &c.,	196.33
" Cash of J. W. Fleming,	15.00
" " Selectmen of Exeter,	712.00
" " W. Philbrick, board of Mary Martin,	58.50
" " Daniel Smith,	29.50
" " James Pike,	7.45
" " Jewett Conner,	53.57
" " James R. Thing,	15.00
" " N. K. Thurston,	1.50
" " Superintendent,	70.21
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	\$2061.15

Dr.

To Cash paid Mrs. Dyer,	28.00
" " Michael Nickett,	1.50
" " Charles H. Bell,	47.00
" " Porter & Thyng,	49.15
" " Elliot & Dudley,	44.49
" " N. Weeks Jr.,	38.61
" " G. C. Lyford & Co.,	49.28
" " Thomas Conner,	69.68
" " Kelly & Gardner,	62.78
" " Jona. Fogg,	361.62
" " L. G. Prescott,	111.27
" " R. Alley,	15.00
" " Charles Hook's exp. in Durham,	48.55
" " J. B. Richardson,	18.00

To Cash paid	Drs. Perry and Gorham,	3.50
"	" Jona. Sanborn,	14.75
"	" W. Kimball,	2.00
"	" Orin Robinson,	14.00
"	" H. B. Burnham,	75
"	" Charles M. Norris,	15.88
"	" J. French,	1.87
"	" Postage,	61
"	" S. E. Brown,	141.50
"	" A. R. Wiggin,	6.75
"	" Nathaniel Churchill,	6.00
"	" George T. Stacy,	30.79
"	" Mrs. Leavitt,	10.00
"	" W. H. Clark,	2.00
"	" N. H. Asylum,	185.11
"	" George B. Gordon,	35.00
"	" County bills,	14.59
"	" N. Weeks & Son,	20.00
"	" W. O. Smith,	8.00
"	" Foreigners,	3.90
"	" Theodore Moses,	7.00
"	" Mary O'Brien,	1.50
"	" N. K. Thurston,	21.20
"	" B. P. Batchelor,	13.50
"	" Physician,	40.00
"	" H. Thing,	12.13
"	" School District No. 3,	10.00
"	" Jeremiah Robinson,	4.50
"	" J. Smith,	8.00
"	" J. W. Gilman,	5.00
"	" Thomas Pendergast,	4.00
"	" Isaac S. Shute,	66.19
"	" Joshua Getchell & Son,	8.56
"	" George Adams,	3.08
"	" Head & Jewell,	7.50
"	" James Carlisle,	1.00
"	" Dudley Thyng,	1.00
"	" W. W. Stickney,	5.00
"	" Charles Conner,	14.40
"	" J. G. Haines,	7.89
"	" Charles K. Fifield,	26.73
"	" H. P. Harris,	18.78
"	" Samuel Hall,	1.50
"	" A. J. Towle,	13.57
"	" C. N. Colbath,	4.00
"	" J. Wheeler,	2.25
"	" Charles Grant,	24.57
"	" Misses Page,	2.08
"	" Insurance,	2.66
"	" Charles Haley,	24
"	" Jona. Fogg,	100.00
"	" J. H. Shapley,	4.50
"	" A. Merrill & Sons,	2 17

To	Cash paid	Charles A. Merrill,		23.27
"	"	Thomas W. Langley, extra services,	2.00	
"	"	" repairs on Wagon,	6.00	
"	"	Overseers' Services,		8.00
"	"	B. W. Dow,		60.00
"	"	Horse and carriage hire,		1.00
"	"	W. Philbrick, services out of town,		6.25
"	"	Balance of last year's account,		5.00
"	"	Auditors,		4.29
"	"	Error in Fogg Note,		3.00
				2.00
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				\$2022.64

Exeter, March 2d, 1861.

We the undersigned have this day examined the accounts exhibited to us by the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Exeter, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find due to the Town thirty-eight dollars and fifty-one cents.

WM. O. SMITH,
CHARLES CONNER, } *Auditors.*
JOHN P. P. KELLY.

Inventory at the Town Farm, Feb. 28, 1861.

Hay and Grain.

13 tons	English hay at \$16	208.00
4 "	Fresh hay at \$8	32.00
1 ton	Straw at \$7	7.00
25 bush.	Corn at \$1.00	25.00
34 "	Oats at 50 cents	17.00
3 "	Barley at 75 cents	2.25
20 "	new and 4 bush. old Beans at 1.50	36.00
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		\$327.25

Stock.

1 yoke	Oxen	130.00
5	Cows	125.00
4	2 years old Heifers	50.00
2	1 year " "	18.00
1	yoke 2 years Steers	30.00
1	3 year old Steer	20.00
1	2 " " Bull	16.00
1	Horse	80.00
5	Shoats	70.00
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		\$539.00

Provisions.

232 lbs.	Bacon Hams at 12 cents	27.84
75 "	" Shoulders at 10 cents	7.50

130 lbs. Lard at 14 cents	18.20
45 " Butter at 23 cents	10.35
3 bbls. Clear Pork at \$24	72.00
2 " Beef at \$12	24.00
70 bush. Potatoes at 35 cents	24.50
30 " Beets and Carrots at 25 cents	7.50
8 bbls. Cider at \$1.25	10.00
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	\$201.89

Household Furniture.

21 Beds and Bedding	130.00
25 Chairs	5.00
6 Tables	3.00
6 Stoves	40.00
9 Chests and drawers	2.50
4 Wash tubs	2.00
15 Pewter Platters and Dishes	4.00
24 Knives and Forks	1.00
12 meal Bags	2.00
10 cider Barrels	5.00
6 Water Pails	1.00
1 Time piece	1.00
Crockery, stone, earthen and tin ware	7.00
20 Bedsteads	8.00
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\$211.50

Farming Utensils.

4 Ox Sleds	16.00
1 Horse Sled	5.00
1 Sleigh	6.00
1 Cultivator	3.50
1 Scalding Tub	1.00
1 Wagon	20.00
1 Lumber Wagon	45.00
2 Harnesses	25.00
2 Ox Carts	45.00
6 Ox Yokes	12.00
3 Shovels	1.50
9 Chains	12.00
6 Rakes	1.00
2 Grindstones	5.00
3 Scythes and Snaiths	2.50
2 Forks	2.00
6 Axes	5.00
5 Hoes	2.00
4 Pitchforks	2.00
2 Spinning Wheels	4.00
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215.50

Exhibit of all known Unsettled Accounts.

Due to Wm. Flood, for board of his Grandchildren from Feb. 1st to March 13th 1860—six weeks, at \$2 per week,	12.00
Dr. to paid E. Elliot for bbl. Flour,	7.75
	<hr/> 4.25
Due Jona. Fogg,	100.00
	<hr/> \$104.25

Due from the County.

For Board,	78.07
5 1-2 Cords Hemlock wood,	22.00
Keeping foreigners,	12.40
Clothing,	6.10
Cash advanced,	10.00
Cash on hand,	38.51
	<hr/> 167.08
Debts deducted,	104.25
	<hr/> \$62.83
Balance in favor of the Town,	

No. of inmates March 1st, 1860,	22
Present No.	27
Greatest No. at one time,	29
No. admitted through the year,	145
Average No.	26
No. of Deaths,	1
No. of Births,	1

There has been seventy-six Cords and six feet of wood drawn to poor families in town, as follows : Town poor, 45 cords and 5 feet ; County poor, 31 cords and 1 foot.

Estimated amount of the principal part of the Produce raised at the Farm the past year.

Beef raised, whole weight,	2035 lbs.
Pork, 5 Hogs, the largest of which weighed 588 lbs.,	2138 "
25 tons English Hay,	
6 " Fresh "	
3 " Straw,	
100 bushels Corn,	
67 " Barley,	
57 " Oats,	
23 1-2 " Beans,	
150 " Sound Potatoes,	
100 " Beets, Carrots, Turnips, &c., &c.	

Overseers in Account with the Town.

	Dr.
To Cash paid debts prior to 1860,	385.75
“ “ Supplies to poor families in town,	39.00
“ “ “ “ out of town,	74.30
“ “ Young cattle, now at the Farm,	62.75
“ “ Physician,	20.05
“ “ Overseers' services,	60.00
“ “ Superintendent,	100.00
“ “ Cash on hand,	38.51
“ “ due for board,	78.07
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	858.38
By Cash received of debts due prior to 1860,	44.50
“ Raised for the support of the Poor,	700.00
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	\$744.50

Making the whole expense from March 1st, 1860, to March 1st, 1861, with the income of the Farm, of one hundred twenty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents (128.87) at the Alms House.

The Overseers, believing they have discharged their duty faithfully, having the comfort of the poor and the interest of the town in view, take pleasure in stating that with the excellent management of the Superintendent and his wife, we have cleared the farm from debt and have a surplus of \$62.83, and will now cordially transfer the documents to our successors.

S. PALMER,
T. W. LANGLEY,
W. PHILBRICK.

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

Year ending March 11th. 1861.

The Committee for the management of the Town Library present the following Report :

The number of books now belonging to the Library is 2274. The number purchased the past year is 125 ; by gift, 7. Number lost since last report, 2. There are also quite a number that are worn beyond repair, the greater proportion of which are not worth replacing.

The amount of money received for the use of the

Library is	\$253.83
Received for Catalogues and fines	8.50
	<hr/> \$262.33

Which has been expended as follows :

Librarian's salary	75.00
In the purchase of new books	110.48
" " repair of old books	10.62
Paper for covering &c.	4.99
Printing Cards and Labels	5.50
For lighting the Library	9.59
" Wood	5.50
	<hr/> \$221.68
Balance in our hands	<hr/> \$40.65

Which we recommend in part to be expended in printing a Supplement containing all the books that have been added to the Library since the Catalogue published in 1856, which can be bound in with the unbound copies of that Catalogue, of which there are enough. A complete Catalogue of all the books now in the library is very much needed ; it can be procured in this way at a small cost.

The Committee recommend that a sum not less than \$200 be appropriated for the use of the Library the ensuing year. There are no outstanding debts against the Library in the knowledge of your committee.

WM. G. PERRY,	}	Committee.
J. W. CLARK,		
N. A. SHUTE,		

REPORT
OF
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EXETER,
For the Year ending March 11, 1861.

“ Our public schools, which are among the chiefest glories of New England,” have been doing for the people a work which has elevated them in the scale of humanity to the high position they now occupy in the estimation of civilized nations. Were it not for these schools, we might well tremble for the safety of our government; for here the large majority of our youth acquire the rudiments of knowledge, and receive that mental and moral training which prepare them to discharge their duties honorably as good citizens.

Our common schools have been gradually improving, though they have not yet reached that degree of perfection to which they are fast attaining, and which is at once so desirable. Yet it is a source of congratulation that so much has been done for the youth of our country to enhance their physical comfort, their social and intellectual enjoyment, and their moral improvement; but while there is work to do, committees, teachers and parents should cooperate for the advancement of a cause which makes property more secure, life more desirable, and happiness more complete.

While this interest is manifest in the State, as seen in her Educational Journal, and in her Institutes for the better preparation of teachers, let us see how the educational interests of the town appear. In doing this we shall make such suggestions as the public good may require, though we reiterate the recommendations of former reports.

The reports of the different schools will show that we have worthy teachers, men and women who are devoting their time and talents in educating, intellectually, physically and morally, the children committed to their care during that period of life when impressions are the most lasting. The greatest trusts that can be given human beings are thus given these teachers, and it is the duty of parents to give them sympathy, and such compensation that they can afford to devote their whole time and lives to teaching.

Then will our schools prosper better. "As is the teacher, so is the school;" and upon the condition of our schools depends the prosperity of the town. But in order that our schools may prosper under the charge of good teachers, much depends upon the condition and location of the school houses, the regular attendance of the pupils, and the cooperation of parents and teachers.

If the school house is in a bad location, ill adapted to the wants of the district, destitute of modern improvements, then will children see that the attractions of home are greater than those of the school room;—but with good school rooms, pleasantly located, with large and airy play grounds sheltered from the summer's sun and winter's cold by shade trees, the school will be a place where children will like to resort; and they will look back to it in after life as the place where correct habits of order, taste and neatness were acquired; but send them to an old, dirty, shabby school room, and their habits of life are made to correspond with it.

There are some school houses in town which may have answered for a by-gone age, but they are now far behind this age of civilization and humanity. Their size and location seem to have been made according to the most strict economy—on a ledge near a brook, in a swamp, or in some other unsuitable locality, to save land and lumber, and get into the exact geographical center of the district.

Let any parent visit one of these school rooms and spend a couple of hours with the teacher and children—witness the pale face of the robust boy, the nervous restlessness of the bright eyed girl, and he will be satisfied that confinement here is more dangerous to life and health "than the pestilence that walketh at noon day." Nothing but the hardy constitutions of youth inherited from a hardier ancestry could endure this kind of treatment.

In some districts improvements have been made in the right direction, but in others, better school houses and better locations are needed.

The Committee would recommend that some kind of exercise be introduced into all our schools—it has already been introduced into some with the most happy results. The exercise and diversion are of incalculable value to the school, as the pupils return to their studies with renewed vigor after such a change.

It would greatly promote the best interests of the schools if parents would often visit them. The duties of the school room are monotonous and tedious often to teachers and pupils, and frequent visits from parents would break up this monotony, encourage both teacher and pupils, and impart life and freshness to their exercises. If children see their parents interested in the welfare of the school, the efforts of Committees and teachers will be crowned with greater success.

Your Committee have spoken in times past of the evils arising from irregular attendance, and would again call the attention of parents to this subject,

as it is one destructive of the best interests of the school. The scholar who is habitually tardy or irregular at school, is forming habits detrimental to his own welfare and happiness, disturbs the order and government of the school, hinders the progress of pupils who are regular in attendance, and makes unnecessary labor for the teacher. Habits of promptness, punctuality and application are acquired by the discipline received in the school room, and are essential to success in after life. The money appropriated for the use of schools in this town the present year amounts to \$4,386.24. A large per cent. of this money is lost, owing to the irregular attendance of the pupils. Looking at this subject in a pecuniary point of view, some remedy should be found for this alarming evil.

As the success of the school depends upon the character, ability and tact of the teacher, great care should be taken by Prudential Committees to select those who have the requisite qualifications, and those only who in the best judgment of the Committee will devote their whole time to promote the best interests of the children and youth committed to their hands. As the teacher leaves the impress of his own mind upon that of the child, he should strive to cultivate the manners and morals as well as the intellect, as the many lessons he impresses upon the minds of his pupils, time can never eradicate. Another great hindrance to the proper elevation of our schools is the frequent change of teachers. In some districts changes have not only been made yearly, or upon the election of a *new* Committee, but two or three changes have been made during the year; so that but little progress can be made before a new teacher with new regulations succeeds to retard instead of advance the school. When teachers have been employed who have been faithful to their calling, "apt to teach," and have advanced their schools, they should be retained, and no whim or caprice should subject them to removal.

HIGH SCHOOL. Mr. N. F. CARTER Principal; Miss ELLEN S. HOLBROOK Assistant.

This school has been under the charge of these teachers for several years, and by their constant and unwearied efforts a lively interest in the success of the school has been awakened in the minds of the parents and pupils. The teachers have labored faithfully and successfully to impart instruction. The order during the year has been good, and has been secured in the most quiet manner; the improvement has been highly creditable. The High School has been of incalculable service to District No. 1. It relieves the Grammar Schools of the advanced scholars, giving those that remain greater advantages; it awakens a desire in the scholars of the Grammar Schools to be promoted, thus making them more diligent. With the privileges now afforded by this school parents are saved the expense of sending their children from home; for here they may receive an education that will qualify them for the highest positions in life.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, District No. 1, Spring street, Mr. E. S. FRENCH Teacher.

This district has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. French, a gentleman of rare ability as a teacher and disciplinarian. Under his judicious and efficient management the school has made very gratifying progress. His mode of government is firm and decided, yet parental, and the kindest feelings exist between teacher and pupils. The scholars during the year have been very orderly and manly in their deportment, and their advancement highly satisfactory.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, District No. 1, Pleasant street, Miss R. P. WOODMAN Teacher.

Miss Woodman has had charge of this school for several years, and enjoys the entire confidence of the district. The school is always in good condition, and ranks with the best in town. The pupils receive that thorough instruction and salutary discipline which is of so much use to them in after life. The district has acted wisely in retaining so long the services of one whose labors and influence have done so much to raise the school to the high reputation it now enjoys.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, District No. 1, Grove street, Miss C. A. ELLIS Teacher.

Miss Ellis has long been a successful teacher in this district, and her established reputation in interesting and instructing youth has been fairly earned. She has uniformly done well—secured and enjoyed the confidence of the committee and parents, and the respect and affection of her pupils. The school always appears well, the children are prompt in their exercises, neat in their personal appearance, and orderly in their deportment.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, District No. 1, Court street, Miss V. F. A. PIPER Teacher.

Owing to the changeable character of the population in this part of the district, this school is less advanced than it would be under different circumstances; but the teacher has been faithful and industrious, and at the different visits of the Committee there was evidence that the children were making good improvement.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, District No. 1, Spring Street, Miss H. A. KELLOGG Teacher.

Miss Kellogg has discharged her duties faithfully, and the scholars at the close of the year gave evidence of good improvement. There are a number of children in this school who are irregular in attendance, and such are indifferent to the duties of the school room when there, and consequently are less orderly and less prompt in their recitations.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, District No. 1, Pleasant Street. Miss C. E. SMITH Teacher.

At the different visits of the Committee this school has appeared well. The scholars were generally orderly in their deportment, and the improvements has been quite satisfactory, giving evidence of fidelity on the part of the teacher.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, District No. 1, Prospect Hill, Miss L. J. CHASE Teacher.

The condition and general appearance of this school have been good, the improvement creditable, showing that Miss Chase has been efficient and successful in imparting instruction. The school room is always neat and orderly ; promptness and despatch characterized every movement. This district should plant shade trees about the school grounds to protect their children from the heat of summer and the blasts of winter. A few dollars expended in this way would be judiciously invested.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, District No. 2, Mr. A. L. GERRISH Teacher.

At the commencement of the school year Mr. Gerrish entered upon his duties as teacher under unfavorable circumstances. A disorderly school, a miserable school room, were obstacles hard to overcome ; but by patience, perseverance, and a moderate use of the rod, he succeeded in securing order, and soon an interest was manifested by the scholars which was highly creditable. At the close of the summer term the district with commendable generosity refitted the rooms in both departments, and furnished them with the improved school furniture. During the two last terms the school has made marked improvement, giving evidence of great fidelity on the part of the teacher, and application on the part of the scholars.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, District No. 2, Mrs. H. J. COGGESHALL Teacher.

When Mrs. Coggeshall took charge of this school the room was filled with pupils varying in age from three to twelve years, and in quite an undisciplined condition. But it was evident that she had the tact for a successful teacher, and subsequent visits have only confirmed this opinion ; the school has been constantly improving under her skilful management, and although there have been present day after day sixty or seventy pupils, everything in the school room has moved along in the most quiet and orderly manner.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Summer Term, Miss C. A. HALEY Teacher. Winter Term, Miss M. W. HALEY Teacher.

The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss C. A. Haley, and at the different visits of the Committee the school was orderly, the pupils studious and prompt in their recitations, and at the close of the term gave evidence of improvement. Miss M. W. Haley succeeded as teacher for the

Winter term, and was successful in maintaining good order, and advancing the scholars in the various studies pursued.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Summer Term, Miss A. BROWN Teacher. Winter Term, Miss C. A. HALEY Teacher.

Miss Brown is a graduate of the High School, and her first effort at teaching was satisfactory; the school under her charge made commendable improvement. The Winter term was taught by Miss C. A. Haley, an experienced teacher, who succeeded with her usual ability—her duties were successfully and acceptably performed. This rural district should have a new school house—the present one in every respect being inconvenient, unsuitable and not equal to the wants of the district.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Miss ADA ROBINSON Teacher.

Miss Robinson has had charge of this school the entire year, and has discharged her duties in a satisfactory manner. The scholars have made good improvement. This district was wise in securing for the *whole* year the services of Miss Robinson, instead of having two or three teachers as in times past.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Summer Term, Miss A. SANBORN Teacher. Winter Term, Mr. JOSEPH E. JANVRIN Teacher.

The Summer term of this school was under the charge of Miss Sanborn, who manifested a good degree of interest. She labored faithfully, and at the close of the term there was manifested a good degree of improvement. Mr. Janvrin succeeded as teacher for the Winter term, and labored with a good degree of success. The order at the commencement of the term was not as good as desirable, but was much improved and became very satisfactory at the close of the term. There was improvement made in the various studies pursued. With so much material for a good school, it is very desirable that this district should have a better school house, a cheerful cooperation of parents, when the school would be second to none in town.

Agreeably to an Act of the Legislature passed June 1858, the Committee prepared and caused to be printed regulations for all the schools in town, and they find these regulations have been followed in Districts No. 1 and 2, and in the other districts as far as practicable, thus securing a more uniform and thorough course of study. In the reports of the different schools we would say, that our remarks are not based upon their condition on the day of examination, but from impressions received from their "every day appearance." By the same Act of the Legislature the School Committee is required to visit each school in town at the commencement and close of each term. While the Committee have made nearly one hundred visits to the different schools, and have witnessed from time to time the improvement going on, they have reason to rejoice that the public schools are accomplishing so

much, and it is hoped there will be no abatement of interest on the part of parents or teachers, until they shall be placed in a position beyond the bounds of improvement.

JOSEPH C. HILLIARD,
NATH'L. GORDON,
WM. G. PERRY.

		Length of Summer School in weeks.	Length of Winter School in weeks.	Number of weeks kept by male teachers.	Number of weeks kept by female teachers.	Number of boys.	Number of girls.	Total.	Average attendance.	Salary of teachers.
Primary Schools.										
Dist. No. 1,	Miss C. S. Ellis	27	12	39	39	34	39	73	50	\$175.50
" "	" H. A. Kellogg	27	12	39	39	28	28	56	36	175 50
" "	" V. F. A. Piper	27	12	39	39	43	38	81	45	175 50
" "	" C. E. Smith	27	12	39	39	35	23	58	34	175 50
" "	" L. J. Chase	27	12	39	39	26	36	62	42	175 50
" "	" Mrs. H. J. Coggeshall	28	12	40	40	36	34	70	49	200 00
Grammar Schools.										
Dist. No. 1,	Mr. E. S. French	26	13	39		38	42	80	59	487 50
" "	Miss R. P. Woodman	27	12		39	29	30	59	48	273 00
" "	Mr. A. L. Gerrish	20	20	40		45	37	82	47	400 00
" "	Miss C. A. Haley	13	20		33	12	18	30	18	165 00
" "	Miss M. W. Haley									
" "	Miss A. Brown	20	13			10	13	23	17	115 00
" "	Miss C. A. Haley	20	20		40	12	18	30	14	160 00
" "	Miss A. Robinson	22	9	9		19	22	41	31	142 00
" "	Miss A. Sanborn									
" "	Mr. J. E. Janvyn									
High School.										
Mr. N. F. Carter, Principal,		27	13	40	40	40	22	62	52	750 00
Miss E. S. Holbrook, Assistant.		27	13							240 00